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SUBJECT: ICAF VISIT TO CAIRO

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1. SUMMARY: ICAF VISITED CAIRO MAY 11-16 AND WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE EGYPTIANS. VISIT INCLUDED MEETING WITH DEP PRIM MIN/MIN OF WAR GEN. EL GAMASY, MIN OF WAR PRODUCTION GEN EL BADRY, AND CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN FAHMY, AND A MEETING WITH UNDER SEC. MIN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MOHAMED RIAD. ICAF DELEGATION VISITED NASSER ACADEMY OF HIGHER LEARNING (NWC EQIVALENT), MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY, AND HAD ONE DAY VISIT EACH TO ALEXANDRIA AND SUEZ CANAL. EGYPTINS HOSTED DINNER PARTY AND ARMA AND ADMIN. OFFICER AT EMBASSY EACH HOSTED ICAF. END SUMMARY.

2. ICAF VISITED ALEXANDRIA ON 12 MAY TRAVELING BY TRAIN, RECEIVED A BRIEFING AT THE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, VISITED NAVAL ACADEMY, AND TOURED ALEXANDRIA BY BUS, RETURNING TO CAIRO THE SAME EVENING BY TRAIN.

3. ON MAY 13 ECAF DELEGATION VISITED THE NASSER ACADEMY

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OF HIGHER LEARNING WHERE AMB. RIAD, UNDER SEC. FON MIN,

ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR. AMB RIAD STATED THAT EGYPT WILL FOLLOW ANY LINE THAT WILL LEAD TO THE RETURN OF ARAB LANDS AND BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS SESSION WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD CHAIRED BY MAJ GEN. MUNIR, COMMANDANT OF THE NASSER ACADEMY QUESTIONS RANGED PRIMARILY ABOUT THE OCT 73 WAR, AND, ALTHOUGH THE ANSWERS WERE INTERESTING, ICAF MEMBERS LEARNED NOTHING NEW OR PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED.

IN THE AFTERNOON THE DELEGATION RECEIVED A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BY THE DCM, FRANK E. MAESTRONE, USAID W. TEMPLETON, DATT/AIRA BGEN GEORGES GUAY AND COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE 65 CAPT. CONNOLLY. LATER THAT AFTERNOON THE DELEGATION RECEIVED A SHORT BRIEFING AT THE ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHERE IT WAS EXPLAINED HOW SCIENTIFIC PROJECTS WITHIN EGYPT ARE DECIDED UPON BY THE SCIENCE BOARD AND THEN CARRIED OUT BY THE MOST SUITABLE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS A UNIVERSITY, A CIVILIAN CORP. OR GOVT. AGENCY, AS APPROPRIATE. IN THE EVENING THE DELEGATION ATTENDED A DINNER HOSTED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE NASSER ACADEMY OF HIGHER LERANING.

4. WEDNESDAY MAY 14 THE ICAF DELEGATION VISTED THE MIL TECHNICAL ACADEMY. DAO IS REPORTING DETAILS OF THIS VISIT BY SEPARATE REPORT. (SEE REF IR)

IN THE AFTERNOON THE DELEGATION VISITED THE IRON AND STEEL WORKS IN HELWAN WHERE THE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN A BRIEFING AND BUS RIDE THROUGH THE MILL. THAT EVENING THE ADMIN OFFICER HOSTED A COCKTAIL PARTY IN THEIR HONOR.

5. THURS 15 MAY ICAF DELEGATION TRAVELED BY BUS TO SUEZ CITY, PORT TAFIQ, SUEZ CANAL AND THE BAR LEV LINE. THE GROUP WAS SHOWN STRONG POINTS ON THE BAR LEV LINE, PORT TAFIQ, AND SUEZ CITY. THAT EVENING USARMA COL GRAHAM HOTED A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF ICAF WHICH WAS WELL ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE EGYPTIAN FONMIN, BUSINESSMEN, EDUCATORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE U.S. EMB. THE MILITARY WAS REPRESENTED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE NASSER ACADEMY OF HIGHER LEARNING, THE DIRECTOR OF MIL INTELLIGNECE AND MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON OFFICE.

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6. ON FRI 16 MAY AT 1000 MEMBERS OF THE ICAF DELEGATION ACCOMPANIED BY DCM AND COL WILLIAM GRAHAM VISITED WITH THE DEP PRIME MIN AND MIN OF WAR GENERAL EL GAMASSY, MIN OF WAR PRODUCTION GEN EL BADRY, AND CHIEF OF STAFF LT GEN MOHAMED ALY FAHMY, IN THE OFFICE OF THE MIN OF WAR FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT ONE HOUR. GEN GAMASSY GAVE A SHORT BRIEFING FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. HE INDICATED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR WARS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARABAS, 3 OF WHICH

WERE UNJUST WARS STARTED BY ISRAEL AND THE LAST WAR IN OCT 73
WAS A JUST WAR STARTED BY THE ARABS TO LIBERATE THEIR
OCCUPIED LANDS. THE OCTOBER 73 WAR LIBERATED ONLY A
SMALL PORTION OF THE ARAB LANDS AND THE ARABS MUST
GET THE REST OF THE LAND THROUGH A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT OR ANOTHER WAR. HOWEVER, GOE INTENDS
MAKE EVERY EFFORT FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION. IN
REPLY TO A QUESTION ON BREADDOWN OF THE STEP-BY-
STEP NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, GAMASSY
REVIEWED NEGOTIATIONS AND SAID EGYPT WANTS ITS
LAND RETURNED AND WOULD GIVE SECURITY TO RECEIVE
THAT LAND, BUT EGYPT ALSO DESIRES SECURITY. SEE
REFTEL B ON ANOTHER ASPECT OF THIS DISCUSSION.
REGARDING A QUESTION ABUT MILITARY EQUIPMENT
LOST IN THE OCTOBER WAR GENERAL GAMASSY REPEATED
THAT ISRAEL HAD HER PROBLEMS SOLVED AFTER THE WAR,
BUT RUSSIA REFUSED TO SUPPLY EGYPT WITH REPLACEMENT
EQUIPMENT, THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO PURCHASE
EQUIPMENT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE.
GENERAL BADRY'S REMARKS ABOUT ARAB MILITARY INDUSTRIAL
PRODUCTION PLANS REPORTED SEPARATELY (REFTEL A).

7. COMMENT : THE ICAF DELEGATION WAS BRIEFED BY
THE EGYPTIANS WITH FRANKNESS AND SINCERITY. THE
DELEGATION COMMENTED THAT THEIR BRIEFINGS AND
TRAVELS WITHIN EGYPT GAVE THEM A BETTER INSIGHT
AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.
IN ORDER ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM FUTURE ICAF
VISITS TO EGYPT, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ICAF
QUESTIONS IN FUTURE VISITS CONCENTRATE MORE
SPECIFICALLY ON SPECIAL FIELDS OF INDIVIDUAL BRIEFERS
RATHER THAN ON WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS IN WHICH ICAF
GROUP, OF COURSE, IS INTERESTED.

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